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Senator Allen announces town hall meetings to discuss road projects

Lansing – State Sen. Jason Allen (R-Traverse City) today announced that the Michigan Department of Transportation will hold two Five-Year Transportation Program discussion meetings in northern Michigan and the 37th Senate district next month.

“These meetings will provide opportunities for people to share their opinions on local road projects,” Allen said. “This is an opportunity for anyone to make their voice heard as to what road and bridge projects they feel should be a priority.”

Projects that could be considered may include the M-46 overpass in Chippewa County, placing a signal at Bay Harbor on US-31 in Emmet or at Vance Road and M-37 in Grand Traverse County, the Lincoln Street Bridge replacement and updating the Mackinac Bridge.

The meetings are scheduled to be an informational presentation of the vision for the five-year plan developed at the Michigan Transportation Summit in Lansing earlier this month.

The first meeting is planned for Tuesday, Jan. 6, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Escanaba at the Bay College Auditorium, 2001 N. Lincoln Road.

The second meeting is set for Monday, Jan. 12, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Traverse City at the Traverse Area District Library, 610 Woodmere Ave.

MDOT senior executives and region staff will be on hand with community representatives to discuss and take public input on the Five-Year Transportation Program (previously known as the Five-Year Road & Bridge Plan).

Although the listening sessions are designed to provide local community members an opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns on the plan, Allen understands that Escanaba and Traverse City are too far away for many residents of the 37th District.

Therefore, any residents unable to attend either the Jan. 6 or Jan. 12 events may send their ideas, opinions and concerns to Senator Allen at his Lansing office: P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48909, or via e-mail at senjallen@senate.michigan.gov. All comments will be conveyed to MDOT officials.

“Even if you are not able to attend, I want to make sure your voice is heard,” Allen said.

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